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10 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination

FROM : Chief, RQM/OIS *for J. G. Sawyer*

SUBJECT : Channel for Delivery to CIA of State Department Cables

REFERENCE : Memorandum to Executive Assistant to DCI from Director, Executive Secretariat (Department of State), dated 7 August 1953, subject as above

1. In 1950, in connection with joint State-CIA responsibilities under NSC 10/2, a special arrangement was made whereby Department of State policy cables would be passed to OPC. Until May 1953 these cables were screened and passed to OPC by the Policy Plans Staff (S/P) of the Department of State. In May 1953 the screening process was transferred to the Policy Reports Staff of the Executive Secretariat (S/S-R) to increase security control and to relieve the policy coordination office of this screening responsibility. It was understood that this selection of cables would continue to be done in reference to DDP interests.

2. Conversations between [] of S/S-R and [] of RQM/OIS now reveal that in fact the separate disseminations to DDP (the "Wisner channel") and DDI (the "Amory channel") are causing administrative duplication in the Secretariat. It was also proved that the screening for the two CIA offices is essentially the same.

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3. It is

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3. It is agreeable to have OGD pick-up the DDP cables together with DDI's, if we can be assured that we will continue to receive the S/S cables and the OLI cables which DDP heretofore has received direct from the Secretariat, if we will receive them in RQM/OIS no later than 11:30 a.m. (and 3:30 p.m., except Saturday) daily, and if we receive two copies of the OLI cables.

4. Please notify us if this is agreeable, so we may discontinue the "Wisner channel" pick-up.

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Jack,

Remarks: OIS/RQM has concurred in behalf of DDP, as shown by memo attached. In effect, DDP will get better service than in the past, as they will now get two pickups instead of one on weekdays, and one on Saturday which they have not had heretofore.

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[Redacted]
Executive Assistant to the Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Dear [Redacted]

"s/s cables"
A recent review of procedures for Secretariat distribution
of sensitive materials to outside agencies has led us to believe
that present arrangements for servicing CIA should be revised. 25X1

As you know, the Secretariat is responsible for selecting
and transmitting to CIA appropriate cables of the "sensitive"
category for both the Wisner and Amory channels. At present a
CIA messenger for the Amory channel calls at 10:00 Monday through
Friday and at 10:30 on Saturday for a morning pick-up of cables.
He calls again at 2:30 each afternoon, Monday through Friday. A
CIA messenger for the Wisner channel calls at 11:00 Monday through
Friday. He does not call on Saturday.

Both the Wisner and Amory channels receive an identical
selection of cables. The only differentiation is in the number of
copies and the fact that certain of those sent to the Amory channel
are marked "For Information Only" to preclude publication of content.

We feel it imperative that there be designated one central
point in CIA to which our total distribution could be made twice
daily Monday through Friday and once on Saturday morning and that
arrangements be made for CIA to handle its internal distribution
from that point on. This would eliminate duplicate logging procedures
under which we are operating and would correct the present un-
wieldy mechanism which requires our servicing two points within
one outside agency.

May I hear from you regarding this matter at your earliest
convenience.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Scott

Director, Executive Secretariat

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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT : Channel for Delivery to CIA of State
Department Cables

1. I discussed with Mr. Nagle in State Department yesterday their request that CIA select a single channel by which State Department might furnish cables to this Agency.

2. Their present procedure has been brought about through the recommendations of their Security people and does require additional time and effort over the procedure used up to about three weeks ago. At present they prepare two receipts which requires the use of two typewriters and two typists. I suggested several alternate methods by which this receipting might be accomplished. None of my suggestions were accepted. With their present personnel and their other responsibilities, they are convinced that they are capable of handling but one channel and one set of receipts for forwarding cables to CIA. It was pointed out that they now distribute cables to the Secretary, the Under-Secretary and eight other points within State Department and to PSB, Defense, MSA and USIA. In no case, except to CIA, do they distribute to more than one point in an outside Agency. With the revision of their procedures they have been forced to discontinue serving the Intelligence Division, the Counsellor and Special Plans. It is their belief that if additional service could be rendered, it would be much more in keeping with their mission to provide such service to their own offices rather than to provide two channels to CIA.

3. At the present time the OCD messenger picks up SS cables at 1000 hours and 1430 hours Monday through Friday and on 1030 hours Saturday. The DD/P messenger picks up cables at 1100 hours

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Monday through Friday and does not pick up on Saturday (as of 1330 Wednesday, 12 August, the DD/P courier had not made his pick up for the day). The earliest possible pick up is 1000 hours.

4. While they were quite willing to discuss the reasons underlying their request for the establishment of a single channel to CIA, it was quite clear to me that they were going to insist that one channel be established. While they appeared adamant that the one channel be established they recognized the desirability of continuing to accept requests for cables from both the OCD group and the DD/P group. Cables requested by either of these groups would be furnished to the Agency in sufficient numbers to effect distribution to both groups.

5. I believe, but of course cannot state positively, that if the one channel is used and if the pick ups are made on the same schedules as now used by OCD, OCD could effect distribution to FI/RQM without serious delay over the present procedure.

[Redacted Signature]

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✓ Cable Secretary

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